

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned office action, claims 1-13 and 15-21 were rejected. Claim 17 was acknowledged to recite patentable subject matter, but objection was made to the claim for being dependent upon rejected parent claims. Claims 1-12 were rejected under Section 102(b) over Reinhardt. Claims 13, 15, 16, and 18-21 were rejected under Section 102(b) over Rader. And, claims 2-4 were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, for lack of clarity with respect to a recitation on line 3 of claim 2.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 17.

Claim 13 has been amended, as set forth herein, to include the recitations of claim 17 together with its intervening claim 16. Amendment to claim 15 is made responsive to amendments made to claim 13.

Claims 10-12 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a method analogous to the recitations of claim 13, as now amended. In particular, claim 1 has been amended, now to recite, in the step of determining of signals received from the communications network that are generated by the communications network upon detection of a device transmission signal lower than a pre-determined threshold. Such recitations are also believed to comport with the Examiner's statement of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter of claim 17, set forth in the above-mentioned office action. The operation of entering has also been amended, now to recite an operation of automatically entering, thereby to recite a method step analogous to the recitations of old claim 14, now canceled.

Amendments made to claims 2-4 are made responsive to amendments made to claim 1 and also to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claim.

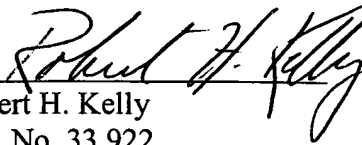
In light of the foregoing, claims 1 and 13, as now amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. The remaining ones of the dependent claims, which include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claims.

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Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of claims 1 and 13, and the dependent claims dependent thereon, is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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